

Mayoral Proclamation
City of Georgetown, South Carolina

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, setting in motion the end of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Civil War ended with the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865; and

WHEREAS, this news reached Texas when Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston Bay with Union troops. It was on June 19, 1865 that he announced "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of The United States, all slaves are free"; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of the end of slavery, which became known as Juneteenth is the oldest known public celebration of the end of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates African-American freedom and celebrates the fundamental truth that all people are created equal, and that liberty is a right endowed by our Creator; and


WHEREAS, Juneteenth 2020 celebrates African-American freedom and achievement, while encouraging continuous self-development and respect for all cultures; and

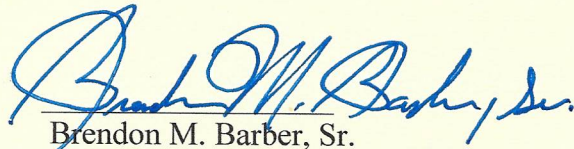
WHEREAS, across our nation, county, and city, the celebration of Juneteenth reminds each of us of the precious promises of freedom, equality, and opportunity which are at the core of the American Dream.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brendon M. Barber Sr., as Mayor of the City of Georgetown, South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2020 as a day to celebrate Juneteenth 2020, in the City of Georgetown, South Carolina and encourage all citizens become more aware of the significance of this celebration in African-American History and in the heritage of our nation, county, and city. Respect and appreciation for all of our differences grows out of exposure and working together.

SIGNED, SEALED, AND DATED this 19th day of June 2020.

ATTEST:


Stephanie A. Buccione
City Clerk


Brendon M. Barber, Sr.
Mayor

